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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM IRANIAN MINISTER ANSARY

REF: STATE 58318 (TOSEC 548)

1. PLEASE FORWARD FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO ANSARY'S MESSAGE REFTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

YOUR MESSAGE TO ME ABOUT THE RECENT JOINT COMMISSION
MEETING HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ME IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN TAKING TIME
FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO WRITE ME.

I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT OUR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING
IN WASHINGTON WAS AN EVENT OF HIGH IMPORTANCE AND THAT THE
DECISIONS WE REACHED WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPACT. WE
INTEND, AS I KNOW YOU DO, TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAINTAIN
THE MOMENTUM THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND TO ENSURE THAT THE
AMBITIOUS GOALS WE HAVE SET FOR U.S.-IRANIAN
ECONOMIC COOPERATION ARE ACHIEVED.

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IT WAS A GREAT PERSONAL AS WELL AS OFFICIAL

PLEASURE FOR ME TO RECEIVE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES
IN WASHINGTON. YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION WAS
ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS, AND I VERY
MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR ASSOCIATION
BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE COMMISSION.

FINALLY I HAVE ASKED GEORGE SHULTZ TO GET IN TOUCH
WITH YOU TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE MATTERS WE HAVE TALKED
ABOUT.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.
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